

Dublin, Feb. 12. 1858

Dear Mr May - The box has come to hand - but
only within the last 10 minutes. More than a week
ago I had a letter from the Queen Street, Lpool, saying
they had a box for me which if not sold within 3
months would be sold for charity. Then I wrote
to J. James to do the needful & in less 5 days had
a letter from him, saying duty & charges were under
£2.15.5 & saying he had handed it over to the
City of Dublin Steam Co. And to day not having
heard any more I asked the news to their story &
was told the box was not out of the wheel & I
hastened with me today. Then I made a rough
search for it, found it in the store, &
for a wonder, got it over. Here it lies in my
office till this letter is principally written when I write
open it and make my comments.
As to my mother's misfortune & Mr Phillips is
in the land to blame. Mother said a word which
he used of about money. That I saw Spelt from
the front. It was my affair that I lent money to a
man whom with they thought well of, & by whose
honesty & straightforward manner I was greatly im-
pressed. I believe him to be one of that rare class of
honest men who act dishonestly with the best intentions,
who know right & left & trust to their own conscientious-
ness for the means of repayment. I am not
of this class in, but I behaved foolishly in this case -
I handed over the money £50 of the hardest earned money
I ever laboured for, and I am bound to think that nobody
is the better of it. As to the £10 I lent him through his
mother to help him to get home, he knows nothing
of me in the matter. Mr M. thought it better he should
ask for it as he felt nothing out of me apparently by the
knowledge of former applications for help he wrote
me from Lpool when he wanted to get home, Mr M.
thought it better he should appear to be from some friend
unknown than from me that it came. I wrote to Mr

Maule (a most respectable printer in L'pool) lately enquiring
about the £10. He said he had had a letter lately from
Henry Chapman for not sending it to him, that he had
applied Chapman for it as having been lent at some un-
convenient time.

I where Henry thinks he will pay - something
may turn up to help enable him - if he don't pay the
£10 in particular I will regard him as a great scamp
for he wants it out of me by the most vehement pro-
testations of present distress & certain repayment.

At this time of difficulty to the Am. A.S. I would
gladly give some extra help - but this haul from my
friends makes it imprudent with regard to other claims to
attempt it. Excuse me from for saying so

much about this very ridiculous business.
I think with you, tho' I have suspected it to be
mentioned it, that this man's excessive ~~desire~~
for my keeping silence respecting him with my Boston
friends, was the result should not from benevolence
to his reputation for uprightness.

About the 16 dollars 2 cents now - I take them on
your statement presuming that you understand the in-
& out of these matters better than I do. I will pay
him the 12/6 back & tell him what you have
told me about the paper. - On speaking to my son I
suspect the 16 dollars is the money you pay me for the
Advocate which you will see is not debited to you in
my statement. If it had been of course I would
have sent you less money - I think the Advocate from
last winter to about 16 dollars.

Send to N.Y.
Will you please have Mrs. Weston, Edenville, Dundrum,
Dublin, taken off the Standard list - Miss Lloyd's name
may also be removed as soon as the 1st quarter of this year
is completed. I have got some money for both which goes
to your credit for the Standard

I think it better to enclose you a letter I had to day
from Prof. Nichol about the Sketches. What he says is
quite reasonable & I have no doubt you will see it to
be so. If you have any hesitation about your dealing

I think you need not, with I wish as principal editor. I had also letter from Mrs Nichols ~~last~~ today to the same effect - she feels uncomfortable at your taking any trouble which may not feel but the nail on the head - but I am sure you will see that such a compilation is a matter of great difficulty & delicacy & that no good will be wanting to make the most of the abolitionists.

If any opportunity offered of sending the other Representative women, I should be glad, but when small things of this kind come for hand parcels the charges run up very high. Two long came & were quite right - one was for William Brewster to whom I lent it.

My wife sends on the American Advocate her self - she is very precise & conscientious about such matters - so I can't account for Mrs Wallcut's not having arrived. She has lent on these papers, & one for Susan Anthony, whose name is now down on her list.

As to Douglass I heard of his attack, but have not seen it, and don't intend to look for it, or to refer to it in any way. The opinion of one does not give me the least concern. My acquaintance with him was not so wide as before I formed an opinion of him unfavorable to his good sense & magnanimity - & the sentiments of such people towards me are matters of indifference.

You had no idea how much welcome addition to the list of other authors which I hope & highly believe whether it will call up your pen or not as I recollect it? cannot guess. But all my recollections of you are of the most agreeable kind & there are very few living men with whom it would give me so much pleasure to renew ~~say~~ a personal acquaintance. On searching through the chambers of my brain I find that I meet you oftener there than any other man in America - probably as in an both labouring men in the same cause, and both more active than prominent

As to selling the it is I suppose of no value. But you
had better hold it over for me, in case any thing should
turn up.

My son is busy making up specimens of
the "Belli" for all parts of the Empire.

With you thank to Garrison for me &
say that I have regarded him for how truly
you with unobtruded respect & affection -
There is something for an old fogy like
me to have to say of any other man

Yours affectionately

Richd D Webb